WAR ON A WHITE SHEET. FREDERIC VILLIERS AS A LECTURER.

A PLAIN BUT ENGROSSING STORY OF AN

ARTIST'S WORK ON THE BATTLEFIELD. Frederic Villiers last night related one of the most memorable experiences of his ten years' compaigning to an immense audience in Steinway Hall. He lectured under the auspices of the General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen of the City of New-York. The war-artist, whose sketches come straight from the field of battle to be reproduced in the illustrated papers, must dited with a different courage from that hich impels him, armed with little more than his pencil, to tempt death in his pursuit, when kes the lecture platform and presents reductions of his hasty pictures to the calm ment of an audience which barely recollects occasion that first produced them. When Verestcharin a few weeks ago lectured on war, surrounded, not by mere studies, but by the great paintings which his first impressions had evolved as he dwelt on them, the venture was not half so perilous. But Villiers, who left the Academy and its slow developments to practise the very nd' of realistic art, achieves in exhibiting to the public "war on a white sheet" no less success than that attained by the Russian artist.

Mr. Villiers's lecture comes so soon after M. Verestchagin's that a comparison can hardly be avoided, and it undoubtedly suggested itself to the minds of many present. Neither of the men suffered by it. But as a contribution toward the gratification of the peaceful public in its desire to learn what war really is, Mr. Villiers's lecture will be more apt than M. Verestchagin's to achieve

IN A PICTURESQUE COSTUME.

The lecturer appeared in his campaign costume, and his handsome face and figure looked eminently picturesque. He did not attempt to be rhetorical. He did not draw any moral from his tale. He did not dwell in ornate sentences on rors of war; but he told a plain, straightrward story, and allowed his hearers to draw their own conclusions. But he was dramatic in pite of himself. He interested his audience with is first sentence; and they followed him with atense interest to Plevna and Alexandria; into rotesque caricature of Christian civilization toakes Abyssinia peculiar among the counries of Africa; up the Nile with Lord Wolseley, cross the desert with Herbert Stewart in that wonderful march which all the military genius of Europe has admitted to be almost inequalled in

Among the scenes from the Russo-Turkish war thrown on the white sheet and described by Mr.
Villers, the most remarkable was the "Death
Tramp of the Pievna Prisoners." This march of miserable was also described and illustrated the miserable was also described and illustrated by Verestehsgin, on whose heroically romantic imagination it left an indelible impression. Mr. Villiers's sketch of the scene as he witnessed it shows that its horrors needed no embelishment. Thousands of the miserable Turks, goaded and ibed by their Russian captors, fell exhausted along the weary way; and a man from afar could along the weary way; and a man from afar could discern the progress of the march by the black column of birds of prey stretching as far as the eye could see, that hovered everhead, and pounced by the dozen on the fallen before they had time to

ON MORE PLEASANT GROUND. Mr. Villiers treated Abyssinia, Egypt and the Soudan in a somewhat lighter vein. Of course, it was all fun and no fighting for the "specials" in abyssinia. Mr. Villiers did not underrate the dangers of the Egyptian "expedition." Neither did pers of the Egyptian "expedition." Neither that he make light of the later desert war in which so many brave lives were sacrificed. But he brightened his narrative with many little incidents which suggest that the humors of campaigning are too little recognized by people who are always pitying the poor soldier. In nine cases out of ten, the "poor soldier" in the very midst of his perils sould be likely to reward such commissions would he hear of it, with a joke ruther than with gratifule!

presence was first announced to the little army by the distant beating of the tom-toms. The sile was gaired, and all went well, though reducedly, till one night a boat came down the iver with a handful of men on board, and in few hours the whole camp knew the melanholy tidings they brought—"Khartoum! Khartoum is fallen!"

So it was after all the

toum is fallen!"
So it was after all the lessen of the sorrows of war that Mr. Villiers's words chiefly enforced; and the great audience that had been throughout responsive to his pathes and his wit alike, bestowed on the able lecturer a loud and long tribute of well-carned applause.

Board, rooms, household and other help and some other destrable things are advertised on the fifth page of The Tribune to-day.

MR. PREDERICK VILLIERS AT HOME.

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Mr. Prederick Villiers, the eminent English was artist, who has just come to this country on a lecture iour, was born loss than thirty-seven years ago in London. When he was sent to receive his education in France. He was seventeen when he negan to study at the Royal Academy, and did his first rewings for Mr. Byron Webber, who had just started the Spering and Drumatic News. Defore seven the seventeen when he negan to study at the Royal Academy, and did his first rewings for Mr. Byron Webber, who had just started the Spering and Drumatic News. Defore seven the seventeen the seventeen when he negan to study at the Royal Academy, and did his first rewings for Mr. Byron Webber, who had just started the seventeen of "The Globe" amounted to the part of the seventeen of battle. I procured pen and speep from a refreshment-bar, and a few infuncted to the seventeen of battle. I procured pen and paper from a refreshment-bar, and a few infuncted to a hundred words, and in a few hours it was on my way to Servia. It was barely a week after seeing the poster that I met Archibaid Forbes at Parachlin. His flist words were. You must be hungry. I think I can find you a tolerable substitute for Bass and beefstesk! Over a schnetzel and a class of Servian beer we seemed to swear eternal riendship, and a couple of hours later I was busily ringaged in sherething the Bolgarian prisoners under his auspices. We went through the Servian Campaign and the Russo-Turkith War together. During the rimistice I crossed over to the Turks, visited the remained of the later of the substitute over the Balkans to Adrianople, sind was in time for the signing of the fighting in the Shipks Pass, when the crossing of the Danube, the July attack on the Russo-Turkith War together. During the romains in the Martira Valley. In the following year, Forbes and I were the only two English corresondents present in the Martira Valley. In the followin

LADRIPHIA EAGER TO SEE MARY ANDERSON. ladelphia, Jan. 10 (Special).—There was a great to-day for tickets at the Chestout Street Opera one the Mary Anderson performances here next A line was formed about the theatre as carly visible this morning, chiefly companied of more

senger boys who had been employed to purchase tickets. Before the box office opened the line extended nearly two blocks.

THE BOARD OF REGENTS IN SESSION.

THE QUESTION OF SUMMER SCHOOLS-MELVIL DEWEY'S SUGGESTIONS.

Albany, Jan. 10 (Special).—The annual meeting of the Board of Regents was held here to day. Chancellor Pierson presided, and there were present these regents: Francis Kernan, Whitelaw Reid, Hamilton Harris, Henry E. Turner, Carroll E. Smith, Charles E. Fitch, William C. Bostwick, O. H. Warren, St. Clair McKelway, William H. Watson and Willard A. Cobb, and Lieutenant-Governor Jones and Andrew S. Draper, Superintendent of Public Instruction. 5. Diaper, superintenaent of Public Instruction.
The resolution of Regent Martin I. Townsend, that a charter be granted to the Round Lake Summer School was taken from the table, and in order to bring the subject before the meeting Mr. Reid offered bring the subject before the meeting Mr. Reid offered a resolution to cover all summer schools. This opened up the question as to whether the Regents should recognize these schools. After a lengthy debate, the resolution was referred to the committee upon incorporations, with power to act.

Melvil Dewey, secretary of the Board, presented a letter from the trustees of Columbia College, offering to transfer the training school for librarians from Columbia College to the State Library in Albany.

Columbia College to the State Library in Albany The profier was accepted by the Regents. Mr. Dewey stated that the trustees of Columbia College were at first apprehensive that his resignation as librarian of the Columbia College Library and acceptance of the post of State Librarian would lead to the dissolution of the School for Librarians. The action of the Regents, however, will prolong the The action of the Regents, however, will prolong the life of this excellent institution. The Regents also resolved to secure, if possible, the transfer of the State Museum, which is under their care, from its present quarters in Geological Hall to the State Capitol. The valuable specimens of the Museum are now at the mercy of any chance fire in Geological Hall, which is a ramshackle structure. In the State Capitol they will be in a fire-proof building.

This evening the Regents met in the Senate Chamber. There were many ladies and gentlemen present to listen to what might be said. Henry R. Pierson was re-elected Chancellor, and the other officers of the Board were also re-elected. Mr. Pier-

Pierson was re-elected Chancellor, and the other officers of the Board were also re-elected. Mr. Pierson expressed his grateful thanks for the honor done him, and said that he had received a letter from George William Curtis, the Vice-Chancellor, stating that he deeply regretted that owing to illness he was unable to be present. A brilliant address followed from Melvil Dewey, the new State Librarian, upon the use that could be made of the State Library as part of the University of the State. He suggested that the State Legislature should make liberal appropriations for the purchase of books for the State Library, with for the purchase of books for the State Library, with a view of giving ambitious young men and women who were college graduates a chance to obtain a post-graduate course and a university degree from the Regents. Every one recognized the fact, Mr. Dewey said, that the modern university was in the great libraries and not in the school-rooms. He also suggested that interest in books be stimulated in back country districts and towns by sending to them small ibraries selected by the State Librarian. He called attention to the extension of the university system of education by sending out college professors to locture in towns far distant from the colleges.

If you are in search of servants, real estate, or ouse, examine carefully the many columns of short dvertisements on the fifth page of to-day's Tribune.

INCIDENTS IN SOCIETY.

Mrs. George S. Scott, No. 23 West Ffity-seventhst., gave a dinner dance last night for about 100
people. After her own dinner guests came from dinhers given by Mrs. August Montant and Mrs. Charles
Stuprt Dodge. Mrs. Thomas W. Pearsail had arranged
a dinner to be given in conjunction with the others,
but was obliged, through ill health, to go South. Mrs.
Scott was assisted in receiving by the Muses Scott.
Miss Wallack, of Washington, and Miss Mollie Hunter,
of New2ort. The cotilion was daheed. Thomas
Howard leading. Among those present were Mr. and
Mrs. Samuel S. Colgate, Mr. and Mrs. Cooper Hewits,
Miss Maud Robbins, Miss Lita Pell. Miss Hargous,
Miss Van Duzer, Miss Hoadley, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel
Stoan, Jr., E. Dyer, 3d, R. L. Hargous, J.
Fred. Tams. Charles Matthews. Duncan Cameron,
Harry McVickar, Giraud Foster, Ambrose Henry,
the Messix, de Navatro, George S. Truxton and T. T.
Houston.

Mrs. James H. Stebbins, No. 20 East Thirty-seventh Mrs. James R. Scottling, No. 20 Fact Inter-secretary afternoon, and was assisted in receiving by her daughter, Miss Cora Stebbins, who is soon to be married to George Dickinson; Mrs. Gortlieb Rucher, formerly Miss Fannis Stebbins, and Mrs. John Hall. Among the guests But the soldier's spirits never sink so low But the soldier's spirits never sink so low as when his toils are spent to reap but failure, as when his toils are spent to reap but failure. Siebbins, and Mrs. John Hall. Among the guests wide field wherein much good work can be done, and it is pleasing to record here that the society began its siebbins, and Mrs. John Hall. Among the guests siebbins, and Mrs. John Hall. Among the guests siebbins, and Mrs. Balnbridge Clarke, Mrs. Fosdick, Mrs. to give the much good work can be done, and it is pleasing to record here that the society began its public career under favorable auspices. Many who are interested in the society are well known in society. There was present one of the largest and best-looking they were longing, they had to fight their way they were longing, they had to fight their way they were longing, they had to fight their way they were longing thousands of Arabs, whose through intervening thousands of Arabs, whose through intervening thousands of Arabs, whose soon to be married to George Dickins.

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> Mrs. William Astor will give a large recepti Mrs. William Astor will give a farmon. Over 1,000 institutions have been sent out.
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> Mrs. James M. Waterbury will give a dance at her town house. No. 43 Fifth-ave., this evening.
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> The wedding of Miss Drexel to E. D. Morrell will take place in the Cathedral at Philadelphia on the morning of January 17.

> MR. AND MRS. BLAINE IN WASHINGTON. Washington, Jan. 19.—Mr. and Mrs. James G. Baine, accompanied by William Waiter Phelps, ac-ived here this afternoon from New-York.

Mrs. James G. Blaine and her son Walker arrived here yesterday morning from Maine. They were met by Colonel Coppinger and the Misses Blaine, who have been staying in this city for a week or more. The party breakfasted at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, and then Mrs. Blaire went over to Jersey City with Walter Blaine and her son-in-law, Colonel Coppinger. They were met at the Pennsylvania Railroad station by Mr. Blaine, who came from Washington Wednesday afternoon with William Walter Phelps, and remained with Mr. Fhelps at his Tes. Jeck house over night. Mr. and Mrs. Blaine went on to Washington, but Walker Blaine returned with Colonel Coppinger, and will stay with the Colonel for awhite. Miss Blaine will visit Miss Rachel Sherman for a few days. Miss Harriet Blaine went to visit friends in New-Haven yesterday. James G. Blaine, jr., is still in Augusta. then Mrs. Blaire went over to Jersey City with Walter

A quiet wedding took place at the home of Thomas
A. Wilmurt, No. 88 Grove-st., last evening, when
his daughter, Miss Wilmurt, was married to R. Mortimer Johnson. Only relatives were present. The
maid of honor was Miss Clarke and the best man
Seymour Husted.

MB. AND MRS. P. T. BARNUM'S RECEPTION. Bridgeport, Conn., Jan. 10 (Special).—More than 1,000 people accepted invitations to the farewell reception given by Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Barnum at Waldemere this evening. Waldemere this evening. The recoption was held in the north drawing-room, the "Horace Greeley," "Matthew Arnold," "Mark Twain" and "Carey Sisters" Matthew Arnold, "Mark Twain" and "Carey Sisters"
rooms being utilized as cleak-rooms. Mrs. Barnum
was assisted in the receiving of guest: by Mrs. J. De
Vor Warner, Mrs. Oroutt, Mrs. Sherman H. Hubbard,
Mrs. D. W. Thompson, Miss Nellie Hubbard, Miss Carric Leigh and Miss Jessie Seeley. Though in his co Leign and Miss Jessie Seeley. Though in his seventy-eighth year Mr. Barnum was full of life and idlity. To-morrow Mr. Barnum will distribute all the furniture of Waldemere and many of his books among his children, grandchildren and great-grand-children.

PUBLIC BEQUESTS OF JOHN S. WELLS. New-Haven, Jan. 10 (Special).—John S. Wells, of Hartford, left a will giving the Yale Theological School \$18,000, the annual income of which is to be paid to members of the school needing pecuniary assistance. The money will be available on July 10. The Connecticut fissionary Society gets \$10,000; the American Home Missionary Society gets \$10,000; the American Ruble Society, \$2,000; the American Board of Foreign Missions, \$5,000; the American Tract Society, \$2,000; American Congregational Union, \$6,000; Congregational Sunday-School and Publishing Society, \$5,000; Auburndale, Massachusetts, Home, \$3,000; Fund for Dirabled Ministers, \$10,000; Hedlyme Congregational Church, \$3,000. The value of the estate is \$239,500.

THE DUCHESS OF MARLBOROUGH'S MONEY. THE DUCHESS OF MARLBOROUGH'S MONEY.
On behalf of the Duchess of Mariboroush, her counsel,
Robert Sewell, applied to Surrogate Ransom yesterday for
an allowance of \$300,000 for her out of the \$350,000 a
year which is her income from the estate of her first
husband, Louis C. Hamersley. It was stated that she
wanted to use \$180,000 in building a new house in London, and required the rest for her maintenance. The application was opposed by Franklin Bartlett, representing
the executors, and the decision was reserved.

THE ANNUAL DINNER OF SOROSIS. ENTERTAINING THEIR HUSBANDS AND MALE

FRIENIS-WHO WERE PRESENT. Once a year the Sorosis Society gives a dinner, to which the husbands, brothers and male friends of the members are invited. Last night the annual dinner was given at Delmoico's, and about 200 members and friends sat down in the largest dining-room, on the second floor, at 8 o'clock. The speech-making began shortly before 10. Mrs. M. Louise Thomas, prosiden of the society, made the opening address. She wa followed by Mrs. Ella D. Clymer, ex-Judge Noah Davis, Mrs. Emma Higley, Mrs. D. G. Croly, Moncure D. Conway, Judge Cowing, Daniel Thompson and Professor

Meketts, of Columbia College.

Mrs. W. L. Le Moyne recited and Mr. Holz-Hansen sang. Several original poems were read by the

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Albert Brown, Joel Benton, Mrs. Lucy Holbrook, Mrs. Hester Poole, Mrs. Esther Herrman, Mrs. M. F. Ormsby, Mrs. M. A. Young, Mrs. Sophic Young, Mr. and Mrs. Theodory Jenkins, Dr. Lozier, Dr. and Mrs. Le Plongeon, Mrs. E. E. Kidder, Mrs. Lillie Kohn, Mrs. E. M. Van Brunt, Mrs. Mary A. Newton, Henry New ton, Mrs. Harriet Webb, Mrs. U. J. Haley, Miss Julia Thomas, Mrs. Anna Dormitzer, Miss Hannah Allen, Arthur Mortitt, Miss Newton, Mrs. Maude Tooker, William Ballou, Miss Oils, Mrs. Florence Merritt, William Ballou, Miss Oils, Mrs. Florence merrit, Mrs. D. Thompson, the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Deems, Mr. and Mrs. Colgate Baker, Mrs. Roumelia Clapp, Professor C. S. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Rosenfeld, J. F. Baker, Mrs. Emma Higley, Mrs. Maude Clark. J. P. Baker, Mrs. Emma Higley, Mrs. Maude Clark, Daniel Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. William Winter, ff. Shagio, Princess Englechitoff, Mrs. W. J. Le Moyne, Miss Linda Dietz, Professor Cones, Mrs. Lucy Thomas, Abner Thomas, Mrs. Mary Kyle Dalias, Mrs. C. S. Studwell, George Studwell, Mrs. Linie Champsey, the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Eaton, Mrs. Charlton Way, Mrs. M. B. Burbank, Miss Sophie Carties, Miss Isabell, Smith, Mrs. J. Kuhne, J. W. Champney, Miss Archer, Mrs. C. Errani, Mrs. Helen Cooke, Mrs. I. Chalmers, Mrs. C. Errani, Mrs. Helen Cooke, Mrs. I. Chalmers, Mrs. C. Errani, Mrs. Helen Cooke, Mrs. I. Chalmers, Mrs. C. Errani, Mrs. Mrs. Cooby, Mrs. A. R. Diehl, Miss Morse, Mrs. Mary Lee Fiske, Dr. Ostrom, Mrs. C. E. Jenkins, Mrs. C. M. Bergen, Mrs. E. F. Higgins, Mrs. S. C. Hoffman, Mrs. A. M. Kneeland and Mrs. Mary E. Bryan.

The many columns of short, definite "Want" ad-ertisements on the fifth page of The Tribune will

THE CAZAURAN TESTIMONIAL. NEARLY \$1,700 REALIZED FROM THE BENEFIT AT PALMER'S THEATRE.

A. R. Cazauran, who hav been unable to work for two years and nine months, took a new lease of life last night when he heard that his benefit performance at Paimer's Theatre in the afternoon netted nearly \$1,700. He sat up straighter against his pillows, his voice was stronger than it had been for weeks, and his eyes were as bright as stars.

"I am satisfied and grateful," he said. "Thank the company for me and thank the public."

Then sitting almost erect the sick man, in a span-modic spirit of humor, exclaimed: "What's all this I hear about about that scalawag, Charlie Stevenson? Just wait till I catch him down here. I'll make him suffer. How dare he get up before an audience and

suffer. How dare he get up before an audience and eulogize me, enlogize old Cazauran!?

Everybody knows that Mr. Stevenson couldn't help saying a good word for his old friend when at the close of the performance he thanked those who volculogize me, eulogize old Cazauran!?

The programme was a varied one, and many well-known singers and actors took part in it. Miss Fanny Davenport and her company gave the third act of "La Tosca," Mr. Palmer's company played "One Touch of Nature." Mrs. Putter and Kyrle Bellew and Touch of Nature," Mrs. Potter and Ayrie Bellev appeared in the balcony scene from "Romeo and Juliet," Harry Edwards recited, Miss Bertha Ricci sang, Mrs. Harriet Webb read, Miss Eva French recited, Miss labelle Urguhari sang, Mrs. Jennie O'Neil Potter recited, and Professor Preis Senae and Alexander Salvini played with the foils. The ushers were Maurice Barrymore, Herbert Kelcey, Henry Miller, Arthur Porrest, Edward 'Bell, Heary Woodruff and Charles Mason Mitchell.

The testimonial was given under the auspices of A. M. Palmer, and its success was largely due to his representative, Wesley Sisson.

THE METROPOLITAN MUSICAL SOCIETY. The Metropolitan Musical Society gave its first con seciety, as has already been said here, is a mixel chorus of 200 members who theliade some of the best slagers of this city. The purpose of the organization is to give the music of the best schools. This is a wide field wherein much good work can be done, and charming faces and handsome dress of the young women in the chorus. The stage was becomingly decorated with ferns, potted plants and shrubs.

Mr. W. R. Chapman directed, and the society was assisted by an orchestra of fifty pieces from the Philharmonic Society, and Mr. Richard Hoffman, the plan-ist. The first numbers which were "Hall! Music. Hall," Beethoven, and "Judge Me, O God," Mendelsaohn, were not sung with quite so much force as were following numbers when the singers had warmed were following numbers when the singers had warmed to their work. The other numbers were: "Awake: Awake!" choral from "Die Meistersinger," Wagner; "Sleep, My Flower," Kjerulf; "Matona, Lovely Malden"; "A Song of Thanksgiving," Frederic H. Cowen; "Serenade," Flotow; "Morning Song," Rheinberger, and "Hall! Bright Abode," march and chorus from "Tannhauser." Wagner. Some pretty accentuations and soft effects were made in the Lassus number, a mad-rigal. The chorus's best work, however, was done n the "Song of Thanksgiving." This was heard for the first time. It is a pleasing and interesting num-ber. The motives are good and are worked up with pretty harmonic changes. It is divided into three numbers, and while some might not be able to recon-cile the music of the first two movements with the

cile the music of the first two movements with the subject, they can agree that the last is dramatic and shows the influence of Wagner. Generally the chorus sang with good methods and clean enunciation.

Mr. Hoffman played the Mendlessohn concerto in G minor; Miss Emily Winant sang "Samson and Delliah," Saint-Saens; Miss Marie S. Hisself, Mrs. L. L. Danforth, Mrs. S. Haron Anderson and Mrs. C. M. Raymond sang a quartet entitled "Legends," Mohring. In the serenade Miss Bisself, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Charles Herbert Clarke and Mr. U. Judson Bushnell contributed the solos.

DR. O. W. HOLMES TO THE UNITARIANS. DISCUSSING IN A LETTER THE PROGRESS OF

THAT FAITH AND THE BROADENING OF RELIGIOUS THOUGHT. The Boston Journal.

From The Boston Journal.

I had hoped and expected to be present at the meeting this evening, but have been and am still suffering from a severe cold, and have not left the house since saturday. It would have given me great pleasure to meet my friends of the "liberal faith," as Unitarianism used to be called—their neighbors of different denominations are getting so liberal that they will have to find a new term before long to distinguish their Church. As the dawn of the twentieth century begins to lighten up the eastern horizon, we can discover great bodies of those whom we have always considered our theological adversaries wheeling silently round in our direction without breaking ranks or changing their colors. Who wants them to? We and the rest of the world can afford to wait.

There are vast armies fighting the baftles of righteousness, under different symbols, armed with different weapons. Some, we may say, speaking figuratively, are equipped with bows and arrows—the arrows drawn out of old "bodies of divinity" which ought to have been buried long ago; some with fint-lock muskets, loading at the muzzle, provided with logical fron ramrods to ram down a wadding of torn-out texts—what then I shall we not be glad to see them doing battle on our side and at our side, even though they have not our improved breech-loaders? I am thankful that there are born controversialists, and that I am not one of them. There was a time in which I among the rest felt bound to protest in the name of humenity and common sense against certain decirines I had heard preached in my tender years. I had to suffer for it—in fact, I had to undergo martyrdom—in newspaper paragraphs.

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What a change in religious sentiment and temper since thirty years ago. If one who had thought out for himself a creed differing from that of his father had thought it necessary in these days to defend himself, he might have suggested that a child commonly has a mother as well as a father; and that the harshest doctrines, passed through the moral constitution of a woman, and especially of a mother, come out as the vaccine vesicle is from confluent smallpax. Remember the part which women like Mrs. Stave and Miss Phelps, and more recently, Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Deland, have taken in the work of starding the heathenized churches out of their hideous dreams. I venture to copy a few lines from one of my own poems, written nearly twenty years ago:

"Not from the conclave where the holy men Glare or each other, as with angry eyes They battle for God's glory and their own.

Till, sick of wordy strife, a show of hands:

POPULAR OBSERVATIONS.

FAMINE IN NORTH CHINA. PRESBYTERIAN FOREIGN MISSIONARIES SEER. ING TO RELIEVE DISTRESS.

To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: There is at this moment in the Shantung Province of North China a most appalling famine, resulting from the general overflowing of the low and level country, which swarms with villages crowded with poor people. The one fact that they are in many cases living on the seed of a plant somewhat resembling the sage brush of Utah, with no other food, and that even this poor supply will last but two months at the most, is sufficient to present the situation.

The Presbyterian Board of Poreign Missions has often opened its channels of transmission for famine funds to be used in North China, in Turkey and in Pursia, and again heeding the call of humanity, its treasury is now open for the free stransmission of whatever humane people are disposed to contribute. It is of the utmost importance that promptness be observed. The following description, just received in a letter from the Rev. J. H. Laughlin, of Wei Hein, North China, will sufficiently state the case:

Contributions may be sent to Gilbert K. Harroun treasurer of the Presbyterian board of Foreign Missions, No. 53 Fifth-ave., New-York. They will not go into the general fund of the Board for Mission

A COMPARISON THAT IRRITATES. WHEREIN THE SUGAR FRAUD AND THE REELY

New-York, Dec. 31, 1888.

· F. F. ELLINWOOD.

MOTOR MYSTERY DIFFER.

To the Editor of The Iribung

Sir: The newspaper articles in commenting upon the "electric refining process" collapse have generally brought in the Keely moter as a parallel humbug. Were the papers to examine into the merits of the Keely motor, a very different view would be taken. As a matter of fact there is only one point of resem-biance, and that is that neither Mr. Fround nor Mr. Keely gave his discoveries to the free use of others; his so-called discoveries and inventions in a deceifful manner, while Keely, although he has not carried on his unpatented work in an open shop, has on repeated occasions displayed every part of his apparatus and invited the closest inspection by business men, prac-tical men and experts, and the general verdict has been that he has made a wonderful discovery and has the ability to use it practically. That he does not turn it over to the company for the benefit of mankind has been exasperating, but it is explained by him and those nearest to him that he has encountered several minor obstacles in its completion, which he wishes to overcome before such trassfer. If any one who has seen facely's experiments will pronounce and prove him and them to be fraudulent I will give \$100 to any charity The Tribune may name and use whatever stock I hold to paper the wall.

New-York, Jac. 5, 1880.

CHURCHES ON SHELTER ISLAND. To the Editor of The Iribune.

Sir: Some one is thing to interest the public in a scheme to raise money to build a church at Shelter Island, where, in the language of the appeal, "there is now no church." In justice to your readers, let me make known to them the following facts: "Churchless" Shelter Island lies in that long arm of the sea that runs wedge-like into the eastern of the sea that runs wedge-like into the eastern end of Long Island. The census of 1830 gave it 280 inhabitants. The testimony of the vicinage is that its permanent population is now 700. In two churches, one Presbyterian, the other Episcopalian, services are held the rear round. During the summer months Shelter Island takes on the character of a summer resort. Two hotels and cottage settlements. at that time add about 800 people to the population it may be contended, therefore, that the appeal for "churchless" Shelter Island was an error, but that contributions should be made to build another church contributions should be made to build another church for the summer population. This summer population divides itself between the somewhat distinct settlements, one on Prospect Heights, the other around the Manhanset House. Both are within a mile's walk of the churches I have mentioned. On Prospect Heights in summer dwell many clergymen, and in a chapel, near by they, in turn, hold sorvices every sunday. Many guests of the Manhanset House have usually been among the worshippers there, although services are always held in their hotel parlors. Afternoon, a few minutes away by steamer, are still more churches.

New-York, Jan. 9, 1889.

If you want to hire servants, or find situations, buy or sell real estate, let or hire houses, or find work or workers of one kind or another, do not fall to study the many columns of interesting announce-ments on the fifth page of The Tribune to-day.

THE CHARM OF PHILIAPS BROOKS'S TALK.

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From The Boston Advertiser.

That Phillips Brooks is interesting is just as obvious as that one of Turner's pictures is interesting. But why? Perhaps another Ruskin will some degarise to tell us.

Few great preachers have ever so baffled the critics as Phillips Brooks. Beccher was, in the first place, as trained and skilled elocutionist. In the second place, he was almost supremely eloquent, in the common acceptation of the term. Spurgeon has the quality which manuals of rhetoric call "nervousness, a quality for which the common people have no name, but which the commonest, as well as the most uncommon people, profoundly feel when they encounter it in literature or oratory. Talmage is dramatic. Storrs's power was apily, though but partially, indicated by Theodore Tilton a number of years ago when, as Editor of "The Independent," he recommended Dr. Storrs to accept the call just extended him from a society worshipping in one of the most magnificent of Boston's churches, for, said Tilton, "how grandly he would fill it with the added pomp of his gorgoous words;" Moody is vivilly colloqual. Joseph Parker, of London, is epigrammatic. Canon Farrar flustrates his themes with historical pictures thrown, life trates his themes with historical pictures thrown, life trates his themes with historical pictures thrown, life size, upon the serecen from the stereopticon of his imagination. Professor Swing, of Chicago, is a prose

magnation. Professor Swing, of Caicago, is a prosepoet.

No judicious crific would think to find the source
of Phillips Brooks's power in any or all of the qualities above enumerated, though none of them, except,
ing skill in elocution, is wholly absent from Trinity
pulpit. The failure of all attempts hitherto made in
that direction is a warning, not to be lightly disregarded, against any new effort toward solving this
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HIS MAJESTY THE JANITOR. From The Chicago Heraid.

There is not a man in Chicago who is able to inthe man man in the associate remark than
func mere artistic sting into a sarcastic remark than
the Rev. Dr. E. G. Hirsch, of the Sinal Congregation.

early hour and noticed that a window in the gallery was open, and he asked the chairman of the committee to have the faultor close it before the services began, when he went into the pulpit he happened to glance toward the gailery and saw that the window was still open. It was rather chilly in the church, and, looking upward, the Doctor said: "Will some of the friends up there kindly close the window, his anajesty the janitor never seems to do what I ask him." It is pretty certain that hereafter the windows will be attended to, as the verbal shot was aimed at the chair man of the committee over the janitor's innocent head.

LILLIAN EUSSELL IN TIGHTS.

HOW CAN SHE BE A HUNGARIAN SOLDIER WITH-OUT THEM SHER CASE TO BE ARGUED TO-MORROW.

The injunction case against Lillian Russell wi'l be argued before Justice Dug o at 11 o'clock to-morrow. "Abe" Hummel, Miss Russell's counsel, was busy yesterday preparing her defence, and though he declines to try the case in the newspapers before appearing in court, he is confident that he possesses weapons that will break down the allegations on which the temporary injunction was granted, sustice which the temporary injunction was granted. Sustice Dugro has beard only one side of the case: Mr. Hummel believes that when he hears the other he will give Miss Russell permission to leave Manager Duff and go to the Casino to sing in "Nadly" as the Princess Etcha.

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Mr. Aronson says that the fight is not his. Miss Russell has signed a contract to sing at the Casino on January 21, the date positively set for the production of "Nadjy." It the courts do not let her appear, "Nadly will be postponed until some one is selected to take her pface.

Miss Russell attended the rehearsal yesterday as usual and has been to the milliner's to try on the pretity costumes that she is to wear. She quit Mr. Duff's company because she didn't want to wear tights. As fights have focume a highly important element in dramatic and operatic productions, the question arises, How is Miss Russell going to dedge them in the third act of "Nadjy," when she appears them in the third act of "Nadly," when she appears on the stage as a Hungarian soldier? Dur't forset Miss Urquhart! Mr. Arotsoon has just bad made for Miss Russell at great expense five hundsome costumes which are thus described: For the first act-Boating dress of plak and white slik. Second act-No. I, silver brocade; No. 2, white slik plush, trimmed with black fur (Imported); No. 5, blue slik plush, trimmed with white fur (Imported). Third act-White Hungarian soldier's costume; red cloak, Hessian boots, black fur and gold cord and sash.

It is pretty hard to see how Miss Russell is going to get around the tights in Act 3; as a thorough Hungarian soldier's cost how them. As for Miss Fanny Rice, there is no doubt about her costume. From her bust to the dimples of her toes she will be a ballet symphony in black.

Something you particularly want may be covered by one of those numerous short advertisements on the fifth page of to-day's Tribune.

THEATRICAL NOTES AND GOSGIP.

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Mrs. Langury's production of "Macbeth" has been postponed until Monday, January 21, owing to unavoidable delays with the secency, costumes, etc., and the iliness of Mr. Coghian. Next week, including the Saturday matinee, Mrs. Langury will appear in, "As In A Looking Glass."

The famous German comedian, Herr August Junkormann, will appear in "Bemoostes Haupt" at Amberg's Theatre to-night.

To-night and to-morrow afternoon and evening New-Yorkers will have their last opportunity for enjoying this season the rolliching fun of the irresistible "Lew Dockstader and his minatries. They are playing their farewell engagement at Niblo's to crowded houses.

James T. Powers, the Jack Point of the "Yeomen of the Guard" road company, and J. H. Ryley, the Jack Point of the Casine company, exchanged places last night, Mr. Ryley going to Bufale and Mr. Powers appearing here. The latter is just recovering from the unpleasent effects of a sprained ankie, which kept him in his room at the Gedney House for ten days.

Miss Sadie Martinot will appear at Amberg's Theatre next week in "La Masectic." She has signed a contract with Mr. Amberg, engaging to sing with his company for at least twenty performances. After the sixth performance both parties to the agreement have the option of fixing the definite length of the engagement.

BURIAL OF OWEN BROWN.

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THE LAST SURVIVOR OF THE HARPER'S PERRY TRAGEDY DEAD AT THE AGE OF

Pasadena, Cal., Jah., 10 (Special).—The funeral of Owen Brown, son of John Brown, the Abolitionist, and last survivor of the Parper's Ferry tragedy, was held here to-day. An immense number of people were in attendance and several divines and others paid tributes to Mr. Brown's memory.

Owen Brown was seventy-four years old, and had lived for many years in retirement at Pasadena. He was one of the four sons of John Brown who went from Ohio in 1854 to Kansas. They went unarmed, and settled near Ossawattomie, but because of their strong anti-slavery opinions, they were harassed, plundered and threatened by marauding bands of pro-slavery men from Missouri. They finally asked their father to bring them a supply of arms and their father to bring them a supply of arms and ammunition. He did so, and for nearly two years he and his sons were engaged in the rough border-warfare between the pro-slavery men of Missouri and the anti-clavery iden of Kansas. One of his sons was killed of Osa awattomic. Later came the Harper's Ferry affair, in 1859, in which two of his sons were killed. When John Brown's "Provisional Constitution and Ordinances for the People of the United States" were adopted by his little convention at Chatham, Canada West, in 1858, Owen Brown was made

DEATH OF MRS. ANNIE M. HUTTON.

Mrs. Annie M. Hutton, widow of Count Harold de Moldie-Hvitfeldt, died in Paris on Wednesday. She was the oldest daughter of benjamin H. Hutton, who was a well-known dry-gooda merchant in this city for many years, in the firm of Benkard & Hutton.
Mr. Hutton began life at the bottom of the ladder,
being a porter when a young man. He quickly rose, however, to be a clerk, then a proprietor, and at the time of his death, about five years ago, in as the time of his death, about five years ago, in Paris, he was the possessor of a large fortune. He was a fine-looking man, and his children, of whom there were six or eight, inherited a fair amount of good looks from their father. The family spent most of the time in foreign lands, and nearly every one of the children married into some aristocratic foreign family.

THE INSURANCE JOURNALISTS' SOCIETY. The quarterly meeting of the Insurance Journalist Society was held yesterday at No. 21 West Twenty-fourth-st. Franklin Webster, of "The Chronicle," occupied the chair. The subject of discussion, "Does the Safety Fund law of New-York operate as an adthe Safety Fund law of New-York operate as an advantage or as a detriment to the security of the fire insurance policy-holders?" was first dealt with by Dr. John A. Fowler, of "The Philadelphia American Examiner and Review." C. C. Hine, of "The New-York Monitor," also spoke on the subject. Among those present were C. M. Ransom, of "The Boston Standard"; J. H. C. Whiting, of "The Philadelphia Standard"; W. S. Nichols, of "The New-York Monitor"; P. T. Kempson, of "The New-York Insurance Times"; C. D. Lakey, of "The New-York Insurance "; W. H. Wells, of "The Philadelphia Insurance News"; J. C. Emistressor, of "The Pittaburg Insurance World"; H. L. J. Smith, of "The New-York Spectator," and Nathaniel B. Freeman, of "The New-York Record."

LIFE INSURANCE MONEY AWARDED. In the suis of the parents of Nicholas Soldenkirch, who was shot by C. M. Green at No. 106 Rodney-st. on March 20, 1888, to recover \$5,000 on an insurance policy on his life in the United States Mutual Accident Association, a verdict for the full amount with interest was awarded yesterday in the Brooklyn City Court. Green was acquitted of murder in his trial for the shooting. The company held that Goldenkirch exposed himself to unpresent dancer in going to Green's house. to unnecessary danger in going to Green's house,

LOCKE RICHARDSON'S SECOND READING. LOCKE RICHARDSON'S SECOND READING.
Locke Richardson's second reading for the benefit of
the Wilson Industrial School for Giris filled the Lycoum
Theater yesterday afternoon with a fashionable audience,
that listened with sustained interest and soute satisfaction
to Charles Dickons's inimitable account of the trials of
Mr. Sercoge. Though there was but one person on the
stage, Mr. Richardson's clever mimiery enabled his hearers almost to imagine that they were in the presence of
all the characters drawn in the "Christmas Carol," including even the shoats.

How sculptors work.

Harriet Hosmer in The St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

A very vague idea provails as to how a sculptor works out a statue. The truth is this: The artist pulk the conception as nearly as possible into a material form by the aid of clay. A plaster cast is then taken of that. By this time very deft mechanics have a block of marble, "squared and out of mind; in the most perfect manner. Then the cast is set alongside, and by means of square and rule, and callipers, the model is copied point by point. The mass is hewn from the rock rapidly until a general outline is reached. Then the mechanic proceeds with more skill and care, and gradually reduces it until the oxact image of the original model is reached. Then a still more skillin artisan undertakes it, and does almost marvels under the artist's personal direction. At last the artist puts on the finishing touches, which give the individuality, the excellence, the semblance of the person modelled after, or which convert the statue, like other works of art, is but a vehicle, as it were, to transport the thought that guaranted in the artist's mind, and was moulded and rounded.

HOW SCULPTORS WORK.

GERMAN-AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY.
There are but few fire insurance companies in this city that can make a statement so complete and satisfactory as that of the German-American insurance Company, which is published in another column. The total assets have now reached the handsome amount of 85,345,293 70, the net L. plus is 22,243,083 48 and the reinsurance reserve \$1,800,354 32. A noteworthy feature of the report is the explicit statement of the character of the assets of the company. These, on examination, will be found to include only securities of the best description, including \$2,260,000 of Government bonds, par value.

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Rev. Dr. McKnight, Thornton Niven &
City, to Julia Eldridge Stanehff, daughReynolds, and granddaughter of the lat

BELL.—At Milton, Ulster Co., N. Y., January 10, 1889, Henry H. Bell, in the 68th year of his age. Funeral from his late residence Saturday, the 12th inst., at H. Han in the Property of the Parket No. J., on the 10th inst., of pneu-2:30 p. m.

BLANCHARD—At Newark, M. J., on the 10th inst., of pneu-monia, Samuel F. Blanchard.

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Funeral services on Saturday, 12th inst., at 11 a.m., from South Fark Presbyterian Church, Newark.

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Belatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from his late residence, 53 West 54th-at., on Fricay, at 10°010ck a.m.

Interment at Woodlawn.

DE MOLTKE—In Paris, on Wednesday, January S, Annie M, Hutton, widow of Count Harold de Moltke-Hvitfeldt, and eldest daughter of the late Begalmin H. Hutton, of this city.

DUVALI—At East Orange, N. J., Wednesday January S, Miss Harries A. Divall.

Belatives and friends am respectfully invited to attend the funeral services at the residence of her nephew, Cyros F. Loutrel, 87 North Arlington-ave., East Orange, N. J., on Saturday, January 12, at 10.30 a.m.

Train leaves foot of Barclay and Christopher sta. at 9:30 a.m. for East Orange attion.

Interment at the convenience of the family.

ENSIGN—At the home of her son, Anos M. Eneign, No. 554

Ashat, M. Hope, on Wednesday morning, January S, Mrs. Mary Ensign, in her 69th year.

Funeral at the house at 2 p. m. Is-day.

GRISWOLD—At Black Hall, Lyme, Ct., on Tuesday, January S, 1899. Katherine Griswold, eldest daughter of Phebe H. and the late Matthew Griswold.

HARE—At Poughkeepsie, N. Y., on Wednesday morning, January 9, January 9, Hev. Dr. George S. Hare, Presiding Edder New.

HARE—At Poughkeepsie, N.Y., on Wednesday morning, January 9, Rev. Dr. George S. Hare, Presiding Elder New-York East Methodist Conference.
Puneral from the Washington Street M. E. Church, Pough-keepsie, on Friday, January 11, at 2 o'clock p. m.
Train leaves Grand Central Depot, via the New-York Central and Hudson River Railread, at 10,306, m.

HELLABARD M. Robert Rouges at 50 clock a m. Robert Rouges are seen used and Elizabeth Sheliabarger, aged 30 years typhoid fever. Funeral from S12 17th-st. N. W., Friday, January 11, at 8 o'clock p. m. Interment at Oak Hill Cometary after the funeral services, Interment at Oak Hill Cometary after the funeral services, when the remains of his sinter Elizabeth, who died on the when the remains to intermed. VAN WINKLE-At Gardeld, N.J., January 8, Sarah M., widow of the late Daniel Van Winkle, in the 67th rear of

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Letters for foreign countries need not be spacially addressed for dispatch by any particular steamer, excessy when it is desired, to send duplicates of banking and commercial documents, letters not specially addressed being sent by the lastest vessels available.

Foreign mails for the week ending January 12 will close (promptly in all cases) at this office as follows;

FRIDAY—At 1 p. m. for Brazil and the La Flats countries, via Rio de Janeiro, per a Procida (letters must be directed "per Procida").

SATURDAY—At 9 s. m. for Fortune Island and Haydi, per a cliented, letters must be directed. "per Procida" by a land of the latest per a latest per latest per a latest per latest per a latest per la latest per la latest p

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